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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Congressional Relations

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. The parent committees for CIA are the Armed Services Committees of House and Senate. Each of these committees as well as the Appropriations Committees of the House and Senate have established Subcommittees to deal with CIA matters. The membership of these four Subcommittees is listed in Attachment A.
3. In addition to periodic appearances before the four CIA Subcommittees, the Agency furnishes intelligence briefings to a number of committees. The number of such appearances has increased substantially over the last few years. Appearances of Agency representatives before congressional committees totaled 28 in 1959 and 18 in 1960. Examples of such appearances include presentation of the Soviet nuclear energy program to the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, general intelligence briefings to House Foreign Affairs and Senate Foreign Relations, and Soviet space program briefings to House Science and Astronautics and Senate Aeronautical and Space Sciences. Soviet military posture briefings have been afforded to the full Senate Armed Services Committee and the Defense Subcommittee of House Appropriations Committee. A complete listing of appearances for 1959 appears as Attachment B and for 1960 as Attachment C.
4. There continue to be introduced in the Congress measures for a Joint Committee on Foreign Intelligence. In the 85th Congress there were 22 measures and in the 86th Congress there were 21 measures. A list of sponsors is included as Attachment D.

5. There was considerable pressure in the early days of the 86th Congress on the House Rules Committee to report out favorably a resolution for a Joint Committee. As a result of such pressures, the House leaders determined to reconstitute the CIA Subcommittee of House Armed Services for the purpose of undertaking a detailed and thorough review of the Agency. The membership was established as follows:

Paul J. Kilday, Chairman	
Charles E. Bennett	James E. Van Zandt
George Huddleston, Jr.	Bob Wilson
A. Paul Kitchin	Frank C. Osmer, Jr.
Carl Vinson, ex officio member	
Leslie C. Arends, ex officio member	

In the first session of the 86th Congress, in a series of hearings, the Subcommittee examined Agency activities rather intensively. This Subcommittee has not made a report on its activities.

6. The Agency seldom requests legislation to amend or supplement existing statutory authorities. Frequently, however, there are legislative proposals of application to the Government generally or other measures which affect the Agency. Normally this type of legislation is handled by committees other than Armed Services. In many such cases, we have sought and obtained language in the bills either to exempt the Agency or so to modify the language as not to affect adversely Agency interests. Examples of this type of legislation include the Government Employees Training Act of 1958, the Overseas Differentials and Allowances Act of 1960, the Federal Employees Health Benefits Act of 1959, and the Government Employees Fringe Benefits bill of 1954 where, at our request, the Agency was exempted from the Performance Rating Act of 1950. It has been found that where we explain our problem, which generally revolves around security, we have received most favorable consideration.

7. In addition to legislative items there has been a considerable increase in queries from members of Congress requesting information or other assistance. Having in mind the ever present problem of security, the Agency has, on the whole, been able to satisfy these requests. There is, of course, the continuing flow of applicant referrals which has increased substantially over the years. In recent years we have also invited members of Congress during their travels abroad to meet with our field personnel. The Agency continues its program of

debriefing congressmen who have traveled abroad in particularly interesting areas, varying the debriefing from OO field offices to Washington interviews including a number of debriefings conducted personally by the Director of Central Intelligence. In addition, the Agency has given increased attention to appropriate staff personnel, furnishing them a number of general informational type briefings.

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